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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Masahiko KOIKE et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Madam/Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 26, 2009, and prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated December 18, 2008, the Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and the Declaration submitted herewith. A request for continued examination (RCE), including the appropriate fees, is also filed concurrently with this submission.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 4.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

Please amend the application as follows: